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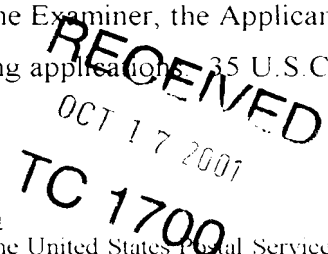
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Dear Sir:

Applicant wishes to inform the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the Examiner assigned to the above-referenced application of the existence of the following two (2) co-pending cases which also relate to various aspects of the same technology.

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These co-pending applications are not to be construed as prior art. By bringing the co-pending applications to the attention of the Examiner, the Applicant does not waive any confidentiality concerning these co-pending applications. 35 U.S.C. §122 (1988).



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